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Applicant: Jacky Seiller et al.
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. Claims 1-7 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being the sole independent claim.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being purportedly anticipated by Sahara et al., U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2002/0063340 A1. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.